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1. The Yugoslav-Hungarian border stretching from Murska Sobota to Koprivnica has been occupied by units of the Yugoslav Fourth Army. The units are stationed in populated areas, but staff headquarters is still in Ljubljana. Access to the zone is strictly forbidden to unauthorized persons, and the population of the area is not allowed to travel into the interior of the country.
2. Units of the Zagreb garrison have been gradually withdrawn since the latter part of October, and allegedly have been sent to the Hungarian and Rumanian borders. The artillery division formerly quartered in barracks in Selska Street has been transferred to the Rumanian border, and a recently arrived regiment of Tito's Guards, under the command of Captain Albert Klun, has taken its place in the Selska Street barracks.
3. Members of Tito's Guards are armed with automatic weapons, and each unit of ten men is supplied with one heavy and two light machine guns of Soviet make. The Guards are distinguished by their insignia, a parasol with a red top, worn on their hats. Conversations with officers have revealed that the regiment is in Zagreb to maintain order in case of an uprising, in which case they would occupy all military and government installations, stores, and the railroad station. In cooperation with the Militia, activists, and UDB agents, they would also help to prevent any sabotage attempts and disorders.
4. Since the beginning of September 1949, shooting clashes have occurred almost daily in Baranja, along the Yugoslav-Hungarian border, between Yugoslav and Hungarian units. Clashes occur both night and day, but most often after dark. When this occurs, Militia, UDB and Army pursuit units and patrols are formed to search the area for individuals or groups who attempt to enter Yugoslavia illegally from Hungary. Those who are caught are shot immediately.
5. A serious clash occurred in this sector on the night of 6 or 7 October 1949, and Yugoslav reinforcements had to be sent. After the fight, the Hungarians withdrew, taking with them the dead and wounded. The Yugoslav side equally suffered losses in dead and wounded.

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6. An attack from the Hungarian side was made on the night of 12 or 13 October 1949, in the Donja Lendava sector. The Hungarians, who penetrated 200 meters into Yugoslav territory, withdrew after the conflict was over.
7. During such attacks, the Hungarians usually manage to capture Yugoslav persons or soldiers who then are allegedly forced into various Cominform units formed for the purpose of fighting Tito.

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